

## TIE-UP

In Traffic In New York On Account Of Snow

And Most Everyone Is Using The Subway Now

Countless Loving Couples In The Metropolis

Will Now Patronize The New Gretna Green

Other Topic Of Interest From New York City

New York, Dec. 24.—Although the recent snowstorm did not amount to much, it caused considerable trouble and delay in the enormous traffic of the surface lines throughout the city. Never are the subway lines more thoroughly appreciated than after a heavy snowfall, which always has a tendency more or less to demoralize the surface lines of transportation. Such tie-ups are the most powerful argument in favor of underground traffic lines, which are practically uninfluenced by weather conditions. In view of that fact the announcement that there is a good prospect for the extension of the Interborough subway system by a branch line connecting Times Square with the new Pennsylvania station has caused universal satisfaction. It is expected that the connecting line can be completed in about eighteen months.

It is not at all improbable that countless loving couples in and around New York will patronize the new Gretna Green founded by an enterprising Justice of the Peace at the village of Fairfield, Connecticut, has the most lenient marriage laws among the Eastern States and does not exact any onerous conditions beyond the payment of a small fee for a marriage license. A citizen of Fairfield, who combines the business of a druggist with the public office of justice of the peace, has built a bower of evergreens in his store, where he proposes to officiate at weddings of eloped couples. To make the ceremonies more impressive he has installed a phonograph which will play the bridal chorus from "Lohengrin" during the wedding ceremony. He has also announced that he will give every bride a pound of candy and every couple married by him a free ride in his new automobile. If that offer should not prove a strong enough inducement, nothing will.

Country life in New Jersey is full of surprises. The other day the wife of a farmer near Callifon, N. J., stepped into her parlor and found to her surprise the heads of a team of horses stuck through the bay window, eating the flowers and plants of her little winter garden. The team had run away and had come to a stop when it crashed through the bay window of the parlor.

Alderman Nicoll has taken the warpath against a form of graft which costs the public thousands of dollars every year. He has started a movement to compel the taxicab companies to reduce their fares to more reasonable figures. He has ascertained that one can ride in a taxicab in London or Paris for fifteen to sixteen cents a mile while in New York the rate is about fifty cents for a half mile. The higher cost of labor in this country has something to do with the higher fares, but the principal reason, says Mr. Nicoll, is the perfectly legalized form of graft that has grown up in recent years by reason of the sale to private corporations of exclusive rights in the public streets. Mr. Nicoll has ascertained that nearly every prominent hotel and restaurant in the city charges the taxicab companies from \$8,000 to \$20,000 per year for the exclusive right of occupying the stands in front of their hostilities. The taxicab companies, of course, indemnify themselves by making the public pay for these exorbitant tributes levied by the hotel and restaurant men. Mr. Nicoll has not yet indicated how he proposes to stop this graft.

That the shares of some private corporations in this city are extremely valuable becomes evident from the fact that two shares of Tiffany & Co., the famous concern in the silversmith and jeweler trade, established several generations ago and incorporated in 1864, with a capital of \$2,400,

000 were sold the other day for \$5,700 each. Figured upon the price paid for the stock the market valuation of the company would be nearly \$14,000,000. This is not surprising in view of the fact that the company has for a number of years paid a regular dividend of \$250 on each \$1,000 share, with additional extra dividends at irregular intervals.

Every year scientists travel to some remote region of the earth's surface to find some new animals or plants not yet known to science. Judging from recent experience it would seem that the zoologists do not need to go to Central Africa to find new animal species; they may find them much nearer home. A few days ago a strange animal, which had terrorized the residents of White's Pond, up State, all summer and autumn, was killed by a hunter in that locality. According to the description the animal had a length of seven feet and was powerful enough to carry off young sheep and pigs. The zoologists of that region have carefully examined the animal but have not been able to identify it.

The sad end of an old man in Newark the other night will undoubtedly furnish a strong argument to fatalists. The old man, who lived an hermit's life in an old shanty on the outskirts of the town, imbibed a little too freely that fatal evening. On his way home he stumbled and fell and if some neighbor had not found him in the nick of time and taken him to his shack, he would have been frozen to death in a short time. Scarcely an hour later the neighbors noticed that fire had broken out in the shanty. They hastened to the isolated shack and tried to put out the fire by throwing snow on it. The fire department was notified, but when the engines arrived the hovel was only a smouldering heap. The body of the old man was found in the debris. He had been burned to death scarcely one hour after having been saved from death by freezing.

There is great excitement among the numerous Russian anarchists and nihilists in this city over the arrival of an anonymous letter from Russia, stating that a certain well known spy and agent of the Russian secret police left Russia for New York a short time ago and is probably hidden somewhere in this city. There are enough Russians with an extremely bad conscience in this city to make the arrival of a reputed spy of the Russian police a rather portentous event for them. The ferrets of the local branch of the Russian revolutionists are working hard to ascertain the whereabouts of the alleged spy, but they have not yet been able to find out where he is keeping himself in hiding and the object of his arrival.

**\$100 REWARD, \$100**  
The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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## THE VALUE OF AN IDEA

How successful any one with a valuable idea can be was well illustrated by Molsant, the aviator who won the flight to the Statue of Liberty. Neither of the other contestants used a compass, but Molsant, not having lost a yard on his flight from Paris to London by steering with the aid of a compass, employed that instrument again with most gratifying results. Molsant also had another valuable idea, and that was to ascend high enough over Brooklyn to avoid disastrous air currents caused by high buildings. His opponents soared around Brooklyn and thus lost ground.

Molsant was able by brainwork to go straight to his mark and returned over the same route. The man with the best ideas wins in every walk of life, barring accidents. It is very easy after learning how some one succeeds with a difficult task, to understand it. Sound thinking before acting, however, is always much better than the best planning after failure.—Boston Globe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wolfe and two children of Delaware, Ohio, are spending several days with relatives in this city.

## CANNOT FIND STOLEN TRAIN

Revolters Play Mean Trick on Mexican Authorities.

BURN BRIDGES BEHIND THEM

Precaution Measure Prevents Pursuit and Gives Them Absolute Sway in Territory Adjacent to Chihuahua. Passenger Train Forced to Return to Starting Point—Ammunition Stores in Charge of Rurales Believed Captured by Rebels.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 24.—After stealing a train, Mexican insurgents burned the bridges behind them, cut the telegraph wires, and at present are lost to the outside world some place south of here, in north Chihuahua, and are in absolute control of a large area of territory.

In the train which they captured at the outskirts of Ciudad Juarez they ran south after cutting the wires. The wires were repaired as far south as Guzman, 77 miles from here, and the first report received said "bridges burned." The southbound passenger train had already departed with 150 passengers, and it had to come back to Juarez from Guzman, as it could go no farther. The revolters passed on south before burning two bridges and blowing up a third and cutting the wires at Guzman.

Casas Grandes is the first town of importance south of here, and as only 15 rurales are stationed there the town probably fell into revolutionary hands. Considerable ammunition had been shipped there, and this is probably what the revolters wanted. The Mormon colonies surround Casas Grandes.

## MAKES HOLE IN SURPLUS

Growth of State Causes Ohio to Spend More Money.

Columbus, O., Dec. 24.—A balance in the state treasury of \$3,633,167.33, or \$537,712.67 less than the corresponding period a year ago, was announced in the annual report of State Treasurer Creamer for the fiscal year ending Nov. 15, filed with Governor Harmon. Natural growth of the state, enlarging the scope of business and expenses, is said to be the cause of the lower balance.

The report says that as a result of Treasurer Creamer's order to heads of state institutions to pay their receipts into the state treasury weekly, an aggregate of \$134,172.89 was received from this source and then placed out on interest. Heretofore the trustees of these institutions have disbursed this money and usually have paid balances into the treasury at the end of each year. Receipts from pay patients of state institutions aggregated \$40,733.64.

**SIR ERNEST CASSEL**  
English Millionaire Believes He Has Enough Money.



## KNOWS WHEN TO QUIT

English Multi-Millionaire Proposes to Give Away Part of Fortune.

London, Dec. 24.—Sir Ernest Cassel, the J. P. Morgan of England, is going to devote his future to systematic benefactions, joining the army of millionaire givers headed by John D. Rockefeller and Andrew Carnegie.

Although only 58 years of age, he has acquired many millions, his principal ventures lying in Egypt, South Africa and Mexico. Recently he gave \$1,000,000 to help poor German seeking employment in England.

**Oldfield's Suspension Limited.**  
New York, Dec. 24.—Barney Oldfield, suspended indefinitely on Oct. 19, by the contest board of the A. A. A., has been adjudged ineligible to compete in sanctioned events before Jan. 1, 1912.

## COMMITTEES

Named For Annual Reunion Of Clinton Commandery

To Be Held On Wednesday Evening, February 15

At a regular conclave of Clinton Commandery, No. 5, Knights Templars, held Friday evening committees were announced by Eminent Commander E. V. Ackerman for the annual reunion of the commandery, which occurs Wednesday evening, February 15. The music committee was also authorized to close a contract with Johnston's orchestra of Cleveland to furnish music for the ball.

The committees are as follows: General Committee—Dr. Ernest V. Ackerman, chairman; L. E. Rawlinson, Gail O. Cooksey, William A. Ackerman, William E. Sanderson, Rev. William E. Hull, Charles A. Bope, Samuel H. Peterman, Charles F. Hall, Harry E. Cassell, Clinton N. Williams, Frank McGugin, William J. Vance, Robert S. Hull, Charles C. Jans, Frank O. Levering, Russell J. Ash, Harry C. Devin, William H. Thompson, O. Poppleton, Robert M. Greer, Banner M. Allen, William E. Grant, Harry J. Shipley.

Invitation Committee—Charles C. Jans, Samuel H. Peterman and Gail O. Cooksey.

Refreshments—Russell J. Ash, O. Poppleton, George R. Simons, Charles M. Hildreth, L. E. Rawlinson.

Music and Dance—Banner M. Allen, Harry C. Devin, L. Tate Cromley, Robert B. Armstrong, William P. Welshmyer, J. Clifford Hall, Frank E. Kirby.

Decorations—Clinton N. Williams, Willard C. Armstrong, Charles F. Hall, Harry E. Cassell, Frank McGugin, Harry J. Shipley, William E. Sanderson, William H. Clarke.

## OBITUARY

**Mrs. Mabel Morrison**  
Mrs. Mabel Morrison, wife of Mr. Frank Morrison, died at her home on the Wooster road just north of this city on Friday afternoon about three o'clock after a several months' illness caused by tuberculosis. The deceased was 29 years of age at the time of her death and is survived by her husband, two daughters, three brothers and two sisters. The funeral at the Gay Street M. E. Church Monday at 12:30 o'clock, Rev. E. D. Barnett and Rev. William E. Hull officiating. Interment in Moand View cemetery.

**Alice Leona Hines.**  
Alice Leona, the fourteen months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hines, died at the home of her parents at Eagle Grove, five miles east of Fredericktown on Saturday morning at 5:30 o'clock after a several weeks' illness caused by pneumonia.

## Town Topics.

New York is to have the world's largest drydock. We didn't know that New York would support anything that is dry.—Detroit Journal.

The daily announcement in our columns of "Wanted—A white girl to cook" is eloquent recognition of our claim that the Houston girls are good enough to eat.—Houston Post.

All this talk of skyscrapers is rather tiresome to Charlestonians. The first skyscraper on the American continent was built in this town more than a century and a half ago.—Charleston News and Courier.

**Useless Effort.**  
It was most as hot in summer as around the world zone.  
"Will be most as cold as in the arctic regions, you will own."  
So what's the use of setting out this great world for to roam  
When you have it all brought to you if you stick to home, sweet home?  
—Washington Star.

## COURT HOUSE NOTES

**Guardian Appointed.**  
Jennie B. McElroy of Howard has been appointed guardian of Chaney McElroy, giving bond in the sum of \$150. The sureties are Elias McElroy and L. C. Hammond.

**Marriage Licenses.**  
Floyd Swank, farmer, Lucerne, and Ollie Martin, Middlebury township. Rev. Albert E. Thomas.

Garfield Hawkins, laborer, and Edith S. Hoagland, both of Brink Haven.

Stanley M. Shuff, farmer, and Frances A. Chrisman, both of Miller township. Rev. F. E. Briminstool.

Basil Hunter, laborer, Brink Haven, and Kathleen Butts, nurse, Buckeye City.

## COUNTRESS DE SINCAY

Titled Ohio Girl Announces the Birth of a Daughter.



## PRISONER UNMOVED

Rhodus Accepts Five Life Sentences With Stoical Indifference.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Leigh Rhodus, convicted of the murder of Dr. William S. Michaels, an Englewood dentist, who was shot last August, and of Anton Helbig, a contractor, was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Joliet penitentiary by Judge Kernen in the criminal court. Rhodus was charged with two murders and three highway robberies, and pleaded guilty to all the charges.

The sentences on the robbery charges were from one year to life imprisonment, while those in the murder cases were for life. The sentences in all the cases were asked for by Assistant State's Attorney Benedict Short to guard against any possible action being taken by the pardon board. Rhodus, who is 23, never flinched as the court imposed the five life-sentences. All through the hearing he remained cool and self-composed.

## NO NEWS FROM GRACE

Daring Bird-Man Lost Somewhere in English Channel.

London, Dec. 24.—Nothing has as yet been heard of Cecil Grace, the aviator, who was lost sight of while making a cross-channel flight. The only hope is the possibility that he was rescued by some slow-sailing vessel which has not yet communicated with land. No vessel equipped with wireless can have found him, as the air has been thrashed in all directions by warships and air stations. Torpedo boats have vainly searched the British coast and the North sea.

**Many Killed in Wreck.**

Paris, Dec. 24.—The Ventimiglia express dashed into a goods train at Montebellu. Many persons were killed and injured. The express was crowded with visitors for the Riviera.

## HOW TO GET RABBITS

(Buffalo Express)

"I read in the newspapers a few days ago about an Indiana man getting rabbits by painting burrows on rocks and urging the cotton tails to break their necks in their dash for safety," said Win C. Sleight, of Corning, last night at the Iroquois Hotel. "But you haven't got to go to Indiana to learn of novel ways of catching rabbits."

"Down in Steuben county the rabbits are not so numerous as they were, but enough of the little animals are around to furnish some good sport. However, there was one fellow whom I knew who always could go out and get some game—and without a gun. In almost any kind of weather when rabbits were running he would bring back a half dozen or so. I am quite a hunter myself, but this man Grady, John Grady, was his full name, had it on me. It nettled me, too. There are some other good rabbit hunters down there. Ed Gray, Ben Huntley and Earl Fenderson, and we all agreed that we must find out Grady's secret."

"But the slaughter went along for two years before we solved Grady's success, and then it was by accident. One day I was in the woods eating a lunch, when I saw Grady along a rabbit runway a little ways below me. He didn't see me. I saw him put something on a large flat stone, and walk away. After he had gone I investigated."

"And what do you think the stuff was? Cayenne pepper! The idea was rabbits would come along, get a whiff of the pepper, sneeze and beat their brains out against the stone."

"There are some people who will doubt that story, but—"

## HIS OPINION, TOO

(New York Press)

The street railroad company in a New England town that is somewhat celebrated for its quietude leases the space on the back of its transfer slips for advertising purposes.

A New Yorker, who had made a visit to the town somewhat against his will and was much disgusted with the absolute lack of amusement decided in desperation to take a car ride with his wife. On receiving his transfers he turned them over and read the advertisement in idle curiosity, then a smile spread over his face.

"There," he said turning to his wife, "I told you this was the deadest town I ever saw, but I didn't suppose that the townsfolk knew it themselves. Just look at it!"

The advertisement for the current month happened to be that of a local undertaker.

## STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS

Mr. J. S. McConnell of Frederick-

town sustained a severe attack of paralysis on Friday night. His condition is critical.

## BANNER WANT ADS PAY

## GROWTH OF THE SOUTH

(Leslie's Weekly)

The south no longer carries all its eggs in one basket. Corn, rice and fruits of the various sorts are being raised there to an extent undreamed of half a dozen years ago. Besides the cotton plantation the cotton mill is being erected. Although Massachusetts still excels in the manufacture of the finer grades of cotton fabrics, the entire mill consumption of cotton now is as great in the South as in the North. Immigrants from Europe are at last beginning to turn toward the South. Northern settlers and capital are, more and more every year, drifting toward the states below the Potomac and the Ohio. The current of farmers seeking cheap lands, which has been crossing into Canada in large volume in the past few years, is moving toward Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana and the more easterly states along the Gulf coast now. DeBew, the South's statistician and publicist of long ago, who predicted an immense expansion for his region as a result of the removal of the slavery incubus, ought to have lived half a century later. Some choice prizes—industrial, social and political—are to be won by the South in the coming time.

## MILLION FOR EMPLOYEES

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 24.—Following a custom that has become more general with each succeeding year, Chicago business concerns employing large numbers of men and women today distributed considerably more than \$1,000,000 in Christmas presents. Cash bonuses for faithful service, salary increases and shares of stock constituted the bulk of the gifts. The cash gifts distributed among the thousands of employees of the International Harvester Company amounted to \$500,000, while the appropriation of Armour & Co. for the same purpose amounted to about \$300,000. The large department stores, the banks and board of trade firms were also liberal in their gifts to their employees this year.

## DOUBLE CHRISTMAS FOR POOR

New York, Dec. 24.—New York is to have a double Christmas this year. It will begin tomorrow and continue over Monday. It's to be a charitable Christmas, too, for on both days institutions and individuals are going deep down into their pockets to dispense Christmas cheer to the homeless and the hungry and the ill provided with even a more lavish hand than has been seen in former years. Churches of all denominations will distribute well-filled baskets, the Salvation Army and kindred organizations will feed the derelicts at great feasts spread in public halls, several free dinners will be given especially for the newboys, and in all the hospitals, the prisons and the charitable institutions of the city preparations have been made for bounteous Christmas dinners.